

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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In the Matter of License 2392 (Application 8739)  
**Seymour's Mountain Ranches Mutual Water Company**

**ORDER REVOKING LICENSE**

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SOURCE: Spring Gulch tributary to Coffee Creek thence Trinity River  
COUNTY: Trinity

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**WHEREAS:**

1. A letter dated March 11, 2005 has been received from Roderic Duncan on behalf of Seymour's Mountain Ranches Mutual Water Company (Licensee) requesting revocation of the license by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), Division of Water Rights (Division).
2. The Division interprets the Licensee's request for revocation as a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements set forth in Water Code sections 1675 through 1675.2.

**Therefore, it is ordered** that License 2392 is hereby revoked by the State Water Board, and the water is declared to be subject to appropriation. This revocation may not result in additional water being available for new appropriations if there are applicable restrictions due to past State Water Board decisions regarding water availability.

  
Victoria A. Whitney, Chief  
Division of Water Rights

Dated: **APR 27 2006**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
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**ORDER**

APPLICATION 8739 PERMIT 4854 LICENSE 2392

**ORDER ALLOWING CHANGE IN THE POINT OF DIVERSION  
AMENDING THE LICENSE**

**WHEREAS:**

1. License 2392 was issued to Ella Ruhser Derrick and was filed with the County Recorder of Trinity County on March 26, 1942.
2. License 2392 was subsequently assigned to Seymour's Mountain Ranches Mutual Water Company.
3. A petition for change in point of diversion has been filed with the State Water Resources Control Board and said Board has determined that good cause for such change has been shown.
4. The Board has determined that the petitioned change does not constitute the initiation of a new right nor operate to the injury of any other lawful user of water.
5. The license condition pertaining to the Board's continuing authority should be amended to conform with Section 780(a), Title 23, California Code of Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The points of diversion under this license shall be as follows:  
  
Spring No. 1: North 6° 30' West 380 feet from S¼ corner of Section 1, T37N, R8W, MDB&M, being within the SE¼ of SW¼ of said Section 1. Also described by California Coordinate System, Zone 1, N 640,200 and E 1,798,800;  
  
Spring No. 2: North 4° 30' East 450 feet from S¼ corner of Section 1, T37N, R8W, MDB&M, being within the SW¼ of SE¼ of said Section 1. Also described by California Coordinate System, Zone 1, N 640,300 and E 1,798,800; and  
  
Spring No. 3: North 18° 45' East 590 feet from S¼ corner of Section 1, T37N, R8W, MDB&M, being within the SW¼ of SE¼ of said Section 1. Also described by California Coordinate System, Zone 1, N 640,350 and E 1,799,850.

2. The license condition pertaining to the Board's continuing authority is amended to conform with Section 780(a), Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations and read:

Pursuant to California Water Code Sections 100 and 275, and the common law public trust doctrine, all rights and privileges under this license, including method of diversion, method of use, and quantity of water diverted, are subject to the continuing authority of the State Water Resources Control Board in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to protect public trust uses and to prevent waste, unreasonable use, unreasonable method of use, or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

The continuing authority of the Board may be exercised by imposing specific requirements over and above those contained in this license with a view to eliminating waste of water and to meeting the reasonable water requirements of licensee without unreasonable draft on the source. Licensee may be required to implement a water conservation plan, features of which may include but not necessarily be limited to: (1) reusing or reclaiming the water allocated; (2) using water reclaimed by another entity instead of all or part of the water allocated; (3) restricting diversions so as to eliminate agricultural tailwater or to reduce return flow; (4) suppressing evaporation losses from water surfaces; (5) controlling phreatophytic growth; and (6) installing, maintaining, and operating efficient water measuring devices to assure compliance with the quantity limitations of this license and to determine accurately water use as against reasonable water requirements for the authorized project. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such specific requirements are physically and financially feasible and are appropriate to the particular situation.

The continuing authority of the Board also may be exercised by imposing further limitations on the diversion and use of water by the licensee in order to protect public trust uses. No action will be taken pursuant to this paragraph unless the Board determines, after notice to affected parties and opportunity for hearing, that such action is consistent with California Constitution Article X, Section 2; is consistent with the public interest and is necessary to preserve or restore the uses protected by the public trust.

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Dated: **OCTOBER 09 1990**

*Walter G. Pettit*  
for Walter G. Pettit, Chief  
Division of Water Rights



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

# License for Diversion and Use of Water

Notice of Assignment (Over)

LICENSE 2392

PERMIT 4854

APPLICATION 8739

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That **Ella Rubner Derrick**  
**Garrville, California**

**ba** made proof to the satisfaction of the Division  
of Water Resources of California of a right to the use of the waters of **Spring Gulch** in Trinity County

tributary of **Coffee Creek, thence Trinity River**

for the purpose of **domestic use**

under Permit **4854** of the Division of Water Resources and that said right to the use of said waters has been perfected in accordance with the laws of California, the rules and regulations of the Division of Water Resources and the terms of the said permit; that the priority of the right herein confirmed dates from **July 20, 1936;**

that the amount of water to which such right is entitled and hereby confirmed, for the purposes aforesaid, is limited to the amount actually beneficially used for said purposes and shall not exceed **seven thousand (7000) gallons per day from January 1st to December 31st of each season.**

The point of diversion of such water is located **South three hundred fifty (350) feet from the northeast corner of Section 12, T 37 N, R 8 W, M.D.B.&M., being within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 12.**

A description of the lands or the place where such water is put to beneficial use is as follows:

**Within SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7, T 37 N, R 7 W, M.D.B.&M.**

All rights and privileges under this license including method of diversion, method of use and quantity of water diverted are subject to the continuing authority of the Division of Water Resources in accordance with law and in the interest of the public welfare to prevent waste, unreasonable use, ~~unreasonable~~ method of use or unreasonable method of diversion of said water.

Reports shall be filed promptly by licensee on appropriate forms which will be provided for the purpose from time to time by the Division of Water Resources.

The right to the diversion and use of the water aforesaid hereby confirmed is restricted to the point of diversion herein specified and to the lands or place of use herein described.

This license is granted and said appropriator takes all rights herein mentioned subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 20 of Chapter 586, Statutes of 1913, as amended, which is as follows:

Sac. 20. All permits and licenses for the appropriation of water shall be under the terms and conditions of this act, and shall be effective for such time as the water actually appropriated under such permits and licenses shall actually be used for the useful and beneficial purpose for which said water was appropriated, but no longer; and every such permit or license shall include the enumeration of conditions therein which in substance shall include all of the provisions of this section and likewise the statement that any appropriator of water, to whom said permit or license may be issued, shall take the same subject to such conditions as therein expressed; *provided*, that at any time after the expiration of twenty years after the granting of a license, the state or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district, or any political subdivision of the state shall have the right to purchase the works and property occupied and used under said license and the works built or constructed for the enjoyment of the rights granted under said license; and in the event that the said state, city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district or political subdivision of the state so desiring to purchase and the said owner of said works and property can not agree upon said purchase price, said price shall be determined in such manner as is now or may hereafter be determined in eminent domain proceedings. If it shall appear to the state water commission at any time after a permit or license is issued as in this act provided that the permittee, or licensee, or the heirs, successors, or assigns, of said permittee or licensee, has not put the water granted under said permit or license to the useful or beneficial purpose for which the permit or license was granted, or that the permittee or licensee, or the heirs, successors, or assigns of said permittee or licensee, has failed to observe any of the terms and conditions in the permit or license as issued, then and in that case the said commission, after due notice to the permittee, licensee, or the heirs, successors or assigns of such permittee or licensee, and a hearing thereon, may revoke said permit or license and declare the water to be unappropriated and open to further appropriation in accordance with the terms of this act. The findings and declaration of said commission shall be deemed to be prima facie correct until modified or set aside by a court of competent jurisdiction; *provided*, that any action brought so to modify or set aside such finding or declaration must be commenced within thirty days after the service of notice of said revocation on said permittee or licensee, his heirs, successors or assigns. And every licensee or permittee under the provisions of this act if he accepts such permit or license shall accept the same under the conditions precedent that no value whatsoever in excess of the actual amount paid to the state therefor shall at any time be assigned to or claimed for any permit or license granted or issued under the provisions of this act, or for any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this act, in respect to the regulation by any competent public authority of the services or the price of the services to be rendered by any permittee or licensee, his heirs, successors or assigns or by the holder of any rights granted or acquired under the provisions of this act, or in respect to any valuation for purposes of sale to or purchase, whether through condemnation proceedings or otherwise, by the state or any city, city and county, municipal water district, irrigation district, lighting district or any political subdivision of the state, of the rights and property of any permittee or licensee, or the possessor of any rights granted, issued, or acquired under the provisions of this act. The application for a permit by municipalities for the use of water for said municipalities or the inhabitants thereof for domestic purposes shall be considered first in right, irrespective of whether they are first in time; *provided, however*, that such application for a permit or the granting thereafter of permission to any municipality to appropriate waters, shall not authorize the appropriation of any water for other than municipal purposes; and *providing, further*, that where permission to appropriate is granted by the state water commission to any municipality for any quantity of water in excess of the existing municipal needs therefor, that pending the application of the entire appropriation permitted, the state water commission shall have the power to issue permits for the temporary appropriation of the excess of such permitted appropriation over and above the quantity being applied from time to time by such municipality; and *providing, further*, that in lieu of the granting of such temporary permits for appropriation, the state water commission may authorize such municipality to become as to such surplus a public utility, subject to the jurisdiction and control of the railroad commission of the State of California for such period or periods from and after the date of the issuance of such permission to appropriate, as may be allowed for the application to municipal uses of the entire appropriation permitted; and *providing, further*, that when such municipality shall desire to use the additional water granted in its said application it may do so upon making just compensation for the facilities for taking, conveying and storing such additional water rendered valueless for said purposes, to the person, firm or corporation which constructed said facilities for the temporary use of said excess waters, and which compensation, if not agreed upon between the municipality and said person, firm or corporation, may be determined in the manner provided by law for determining the value of property taken by and through eminent domain proceedings.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Department of Public Works of the State of California, this **nineteenth** day of **March**, 19**42**.

EDWARD HYATT  
State Engineer

By Harold Conkling  
Deputy

4/17/52

RECEIVED NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT TO

Harry B. & Cleo B. Seymour

6-21-78 Asgd to Seymour's Mountain Ranches Mutual Water Co.

LICENSE 2392

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

LICENSE  
TO APPROPRIATE WATER

ISSUED TO Ella Rahser Derrick

DATED March 19, 1942

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